40.	कृपा शंकर मिश्रा	एल/एम	महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लि , नई दिल्ली
41.	विद्यानन्द झा	यूडीसी	--वही--
42.	हमसी चटोला	टी ओ	--वही--
43.	रेखा शर्मा	टी ओ	--वही--
44.	प्रेम कुमार गुप्ता	एलडीसी	--वही--
45.	रामचन्द्र महरात्रा	टीएम (टी)	सी जी एम एम, नई दिल्ली

Un Security Council's resolution on withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait

702. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL;

DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the implications of United Nations Security Council Resolution regarding withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait by 15th January, 1991; and

(b) whether such action would escalate conflict in the neighbourhood and what would be the role of India in such circumstances to protect our interest?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Security Council Resolution 678 authorises member States cooperating with the Government of Kuwait to use all necessary means to uphold and implement Security Council Resolution 660 and all subsequent relevant Resolution unless Iraq fully implements those Resolutions on or before 15th January 1991. India is, however, still hopeful to have a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Project Elephant

703. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that due to large scale dwindling of elephant habitats Government have formulated "Project Elephant"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities to be taken up in the areas identified for the project areas are (a) acquiring lands and carrying out plantations for creation of corridors to help in migration of elephants (b) eviction of en-, croachnient and settlements from the elephant ranges and to help in rehabilitation of the human populations affected by this programme (c) carrying out plantation of fodder species and eradication of such species which interfere with availability of the fodder to the elephants (d) augmenting the water supply and creation of water holes to provide drinking water to elephants|restrai$_n$ elephants from moving out electric fencing/elephant proof trenches in. vulnerable areas to step straying of ele- ' phants/restrain elephants from moving our to agricultural areas (f) to educate the local people about the behaviour of elephants and avoid confrontation at the time of crop raiding so that accidental deaths could be avoided (g) identifying problem populations and translocating them to ,, areas away from private lands (h) if the ' translocation efforts'are not successful the problem population could be captured and domesticated and used (i) provide approp-, riate compensation for the crop damage and loss of human life caused by elephants. (j) crop insurance so that the poor farmers are not affected by the deoredation and (k) strengthening the anti-coaching infrastructure to safeguard the elephant from ivory poachers.